

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Remove pages 197-200 in your Project Scores and Factual Findings book.
2. Insert OR-2-E-78 between pages 418 and 419.

OR-2-E-78 USFS- Eldorado National Forest Planning 07

1. The planning project addresses the enhancement or protection of existing OHV opportunity or will lead to new opportunity or protection of resources. The project must address one or more of the following:

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a. Solving one or more operational, maintenance, law enforcement, environmental, use conflict or other problem(s) or condition(s) associated with providing OHV recreation described in the application

Sections of trails with steep gradients would require frequent maintenance to keep drainage structures operating. This situation can be improved by rerouting the trail.

b. Protecting residents, private property and adjacent landowners from noise, trespass, and property damage

The applicant did not provide information as to how they would address this item.

c. Protecting habitat or critical resources (soil, water, cultural, wildlife, etc.)

The trail reroute location would be surveyed for heritage, botanical and wildlife habitat to avoid impacts on these resources.

d. Eliminating illegal riding/trespass

The applicant did not provide information as to how they would address this item.

e. Preventing off-route travel

This project would provide improved tread conditions so riders would be inclined to stay on them.

f. Protecting public health and safety

This project would serve to provide riders with trails without unreasonable hazards.

g. Sustaining OHV recreation by avoiding or minimizing the need for increased maintenance, conservation activities or closures of OHV recreation opportunities

Trails will be designed to keep erosion and off-route travel under control and reduce the need for trail closure for resource protection.

2. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. The project must address one or more of the following:

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a. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor

The applicant listed qualifications of volunteers but did not explain how volunteers would be utilized for planning purposes.

b. Reducing future costs

The applicant did not provide information as to how they would address this item.

c. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)

\$300,000 in Federal Capital Improvement Program funds will be diverted to help with route designation. The applicant will provide an agency contribution in the amount of \$2,193.

d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds

Partnerships include those with the California Conservation Corps and the California Department of Forestry.

3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:

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a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided (5)

The Forest cites grant OR-2-E-57 and states that two time extensions were needed to complete the project. [0]

b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)

The applicant states that they have received 15 grants since 2000 and these grants have been efficiently administered with timely billing. [2].

c. History of successful and timely implementation of planning results and recommendations (5)

The applicant states that 15 of 19 trail reroute projects have been completed. [2]